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Title : Exhaust Pipe Insulated by an Air Gap, and Method
for Producing the Same

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. (*A Substitute Specification with marked up version is submitted concurrently herewith*).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are noted on page 8 and attached hereto as a separate unnumbered page.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.